

**Office of Select Board  
945 Battle Street/Rte. 127  
Webster, NH 03303**

6:31 pm Select Board's Meeting – May 28, 2013 (Tuesday)

Select Board present: Chairman Bruce Johnson, Selectman Roy Fanjoy and Selectman Mason Donovan.

The Select Board signed the payroll and check manifests later in the meeting.

Chairman Johnson mentioned two items as follows: 1. George Cummings was recently appointed by NH Governor Maggie Hassan to represent the State as Commissioner under the Flood Control Compact. 2. He encouraged all townspeople to return the Town Survey by July 15, 2013, which was enclosed with the first tax bills.

The Select Board signed the following for Administrative Assistant Mrs. Jones:

- Selectman Fanjoy made a motion to accept the Select Board's Minutes of May 13, 2013 Work Session as written; seconded by Selectman Donovan and approved.
- Selectman Fanjoy made a motion to accept the Select Board's Minutes of May 13, 2013 Meeting as written; seconded by Selectman Donovan and approved.
- PO#9 for the Town Hall to Capital Well amended to \$3,666.82 (explanation provided by Selectman Fanjoy as to the changes resulting in the reduced cost); seconded by Selectman Donovan and approved. These funds were voted by the Select Board to come from the Capital Reserve at a previous meeting.
- PO #10 for Town Hall to Reliable Hood & Duct Cleaning, LLC for cleaning the stove hood system in the kitchen in the amount of \$325. There was discussion on fees for use of the hall. All fees are being reviewed by the Select Board.
- Forest Fire Bill incident on Weir Road in Boscawen for a total of \$326.37; to be given to Deputy Fire Chief Rob Wolinski.
- Abatement to Walter & Dorothy Eldridge, Map 10-4-29, for the 2012-LO1 in the amount of \$16.07.
- Abatement to David & Karyn Baer, Map 10-1-145, for the 2013-PO1 in the amount of \$277.00.
- Intent to Cut for Madeleine Roberts – Map 5-59-1.

Fire Chief Colin Colby advised the Board of the following:

- PO #11 for the Fire Department to Firehouse Software for updates in the amount of \$880. Will be reviewed at a later date.
- PO #12 for the Fire Department to State of NH, Dept. of Safety for training of FF Level II in the amount of \$410 was signed.
- PO #13 for the Fire Department to Valley Fire Equipment for LED Emergency Lights in the amount of \$1,500.00. After discussion it was decided to review with Police Chief Dupuis what might be available in "surplus" prior to this purchase.
- There have been 59 calls to date.

Chairman Johnson inquired about the repairs of the dry hydrants. Chief Colby advised that the first to be repaired will be on Clothespin Bridge Road and then the one behind the school, probably in the fall due to the high water level.

Treasurer Mary Smith noted that the tax bills for the first half of the taxes are in the mail. Selectman Donovan reminded all that the "Survey" enclosed with these bills may be dropped off at the office or in the drop box outside the Town Hall.

Police Chief Robert Dupuis advised the Select Board of the following:

- Vacation request for Lieutenant Philip Mitchell.
- 27 calls for service in the last two weeks, with the highlights read.
- Estimate for the blackout at the Public Safety Building is \$5,000. A PO will be prepared for the next meeting.
- The Department of Justice will be in the State to do intensive inventory of items awarded through grants in the past.
- A form was received that will be needed in order to dispose of the PSB generator and will be kept at the office.

Chairman Johnson reminded all that there will be a "Bicycle Rodeo" at the Pillsbury Lake Club House on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Chairman Johnson gave an update of the May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting with the Hopkinton Selectmen in Hopkinton regarding the Refuse Disposal Facility permit request for change. Hopkinton residents did not seem to support this change. Selectman Donovan indicated that there were three main points against outside communities using the facility: profits; increased traffic/hazardous situations, and overall value if the towns accept outside trash. There was lengthy discussion on revenues, pros and cons of a change in the Landfill's permit; the current agreement between Webster and Hopkinton and each town's ability to withdraw from the landfill, etc. The Board decided to have a public hearing on July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm to hear Webster residents' input regarding the landfill. The regular Select Board Meeting will be at 4:00 pm.

After discussion of applications received (12 total) for the Police Advisory Committee, Chairman Johnson nominated the following for a one year term: Jeanette Baker, Linda Clark, Richard Inman, Cathay Merchant and Kevin Sullivan; seconded by Selectman

Donovan and approved. Mrs. Jones will draft a letter of approval and denial to be sent to Chairman Johnson for review. The first meeting is scheduled for June 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Public Safety Building. Chairman Johnson will open this meeting. Chief Dupuis will speak about the purpose of the committee. The meeting will then be turned over to the committee for election of officers, mission, etc. Mrs. Jones will help as needed.

**Old Business:**

- Selectman Donovan made a motion to accept the gift of three trees from Unitil with a value of \$500; seconded by Selectman Fanjoy and approved. The Board signed a thank-you letter to be sent.
- Selectman Donovan made a motion to accept the gift of the sign post from the Meeting House Society with a value of approximately \$100; seconded by Selectman Fanjoy and approved. A thank-you letter will be sent from the Board.
- Selectman Donovan made a motion to accept the “Junkyard License”; seconded by Selectman Fanjoy and approved. Selectman Donovan then made a motion per RSA (41:9-a) to change the “Junkyard License” fee from \$25 to \$250; seconded by Selectman Fanjoy and approved. Mrs. Jones will draft a letter to Copart of Deer Meadow Road advising them of the new “License” along with a copy of the “License Application”, which Selectman Donovan will review.

Selectman Donovan inquired as to whether Chief Dupuis had a chance to address the complaint at a previous Select Board meeting regarding junk cars. Chief Dupuis advised that he is developing a letter to deliver. Selectman Donovan will forward Chief Dupuis the information from LGC regarding junkyards in general, which covers more than cars.

Chairman Johnson received an e-mail from Larry Stripling, of Copart, regarding the continued search for an engineer.

**New Business:**

- Chairman Johnson received a response from Paul Sanderson at LGC advising that governing bodies can only create an ethics policy for themselves and those employees they directly appoint, not for PD, elected officials, or Boards governed by Statutes. The Board will discuss this further in July.
- Selectman Donovan advised that the new sign for the Salisbury/Webster Town Line is all set with DOT.
- Selectman Fanjoy made a motion to accept the gift of the “Town of Webster” sign from Mason Donovan with a value of \$67; seconded by Chairman Johnson and approved. Selectman Donovan abstained from voting.
- Selectman Donovan made a motion to accept the gift of mulch at the PSB from Charles Rose with a value of up to \$200; seconded by Selectman Fanjoy and approved.

A letter was received from Richard Cummings regarding the availability of a gravel pit and land for sale shown as Map 9-23-4. The decision was to have the Highway Committee review the offer. Selectman Fanjoy will coordinate a site visit.

Selectman Fanjoy spoke with the abutting property owner to the Town Hall and was advised of the need to remove the rocks and sand pushed over the stonewall, as well as the Propane Tank which needs to be moved. Judy to coordinate this.

Selectman Donovan advised that the cable research continues, providing an update of the progress. He noted that TDS received a grant for upgrading DSL and anyone who wants an update needs to make this request by calling TDS.

Selectman Donovan noted the Articulture event is planned at the Old Meeting House on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Chief Dupuis recommended street signs depicting “Pedestrians” on Long Street and Battle Street. Paper orange signs from the State Prison will be ordered. Chief Dupuis will research more permanent signs for future uses.

8:40 pm Selectman Donovan made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Selectman Fanjoy and approved.

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**Bruce G. Johnson, Chairman**  
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**Roy E. Fanjoy**

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**Mason W. Donovan**